

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION:

On pages 4-5, delete the entire first paragraph of the **Detailed Description** section and substitute the following paragraph therefor:

Figure 1 is a block diagram illustrating communications among a plurality of entities in accordance with the prior art. The entities shown are two Mobile Switching Centers (MSCs 1 and 11); these entities communicate with VLRs (31) and (51), and with HLRs (21) and (41). MSC (1) can communicate only in accordance with the Standard part of IS-41, plus Dialect ~~EP1~~ extension portion 1 (EP1). MSC (11) can communicate only with the Standard portion of IS-41 and Dialect ~~EP2~~ EP1. HLR (21) and VLR (31) can communicate only with the Standard portion of IS-41, plus Dialect ~~EP2~~ EP1. The two HLRs can communicate with each other using the Standard IS-41 portion ("STD") ~~plus Dialect EP2~~. However, when HLR (41) communicates with MSC (1), it can only communicate using only STD. (The assumption here is that each dialect occupies the full space left over beyond STD. Obviously, if each dialect is sufficiently small, then a number of dialects can exist simultaneously on a non-overlap basis. However, the requirements of many applications fill most of, or all of, the message space left over beyond STD.) Similarly, VLR (31) can communicate with HLR (41) ~~only~~ using STD plus Dialect EP2.